

*[The text on this page is extremely faint and illegible, appearing to be handwritten in cursive. It is organized into several paragraphs separated by horizontal lines. The ink is very light, and the paper shows signs of age and wear.]*

A great change has taken place  
in this City. The most radical aboli-  
tionist is now applauded by a Wash-  
ington audience for his most radi-  
cal utterances.

Virginia in the President's let-  
terpage is in behalf of Emancipation.  
This step is indeed but a first  
one. But it will be followed  
I confidently trust by others more.

Nothing can divide this  
Nation into two Nations but  
the emancipation of the slave  
by the South herself.

I am, my dear Sir,  
with great regard,  
Dear friend  
Wm Smith



City of New York

March 15/62

Richard D. Webb  
Dear friend

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I'm very interested in  
a letter has been forwarded to me from  
my home in Peterboro N.H. Most heartily  
do I thank you for this long & candid  
suble letter. But deeply do I regret  
that I can do little more than  
acknowledge the receipt of it. I am  
confined by a surgical operation, &  
I have to put off my correspondence with  
a few lines.

I will put your letter into the hands  
of many friends, among them Oliver Johnson.

Ever since you have been a copy of  
my letter to George Thompson touching the  
Irish matter.

I recently returned from Washington. I  
was glad to see in the papers of Boston  
that our exceedingly eloquent friend Wendell  
Phillips spoke there last evening.